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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above identified patent application has been amended and reconsideration and reexamination are hereby requested.

Claims 1 - 11 are now in the application. Claims 2, 3 and 11 have been amended.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 2, 3 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner states that these claims lack proper antecedent basis.

The Applicant has amended Claim 2 to call for ... wherein the first load device and the second load device are each a diode-connected transistor.

The Applicant has amended Claim 3 to call for ... wherein the first load device and the second load device are each a folded load transistor.

The Applicant has amended Claim 11 to call for ... wherein the first power supply is a voltage supply and the second power supply is a ground.

Accordingly, the Applicant submits that Claims 2, 3 and 11 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 - 9 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1 - 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,657,503. The Examiner states that Claims 1 - 9 would be allowable if a timely Terminal Disclaimer is filed.

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The Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request that the double-patenting rejection be withdrawn.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendment and remarks it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the prior art and that all the rejections to the claims have been overcome. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above Application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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